

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Uniform School Building Safety Act (title 39, chapter 80, Sections 39-8001 through 39-8012, Idaho Code) currently provides that in the event that the Division of Building Safety finds upon inspection an imminent safety hazard in a public school under its jurisdiction, the Department of Administration shall designate a licensed professional to independently evaluate the condition identified by the Division. If the Department of Administration agrees with the Division of Building Safety that a condition within a school building constitutes an imminent safety hazard, it shall notify the Division. Additionally, both the Department of Administration and the Division shall be provided with verification of corrective action by a school district. The proposed legislation would eliminate the Department of Administration's involvement in this process. In practice, the Division is better suited to contact an independent third party and manage the logistics of such an evaluation. The required expertise regarding building codes and related safety issues is held by the Division, and the Department's duties in these situations have merely been procedural, and/or duplicative of what the Division is already doing.

FISCAL NOTE

None.

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